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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM FRANK CHURCH, CHAIRMAN, SUBCOMMITTEE ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS, TO FRG DEFENSE MINISTER LEBER. EMBASSY SHOULD PASS TEXT TO LEBER. LETTER BEING AIR POUCHED TO EMBASSY.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

NOVEMBER 12, 1975

MR. GEORGE LEBER
MINISTER OF DEFENSE
BONN, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
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DEAR MR. LEBER:

IN THE COURSE OF ITS INVESTIGATION OF THE LOCKHEED AIR-
CRAFT CORPORATION'S FOREIGN SALES ACTIVITIES, THE SUB-
COMMITTEE ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS HAS RECEIVED
TESTIMONY ALLEGING THAT QUESTIONABLE PAYMENTS WERE MADE
IN WEST GERMANY BY LOCKHEED IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRO-
CUREMENT OF THE F-104 STARFIGHTER AND THE SALE OF THE
DASH 8 JETSTAR.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION IN
VERIFYING THIS INFORMATION. MR. JACK BLUM OF THE SUB-
COMMITTEE STAFF WHO IS PRESENTLY IN BONN IS AUTHORIZED
TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER IN DETAIL WITH YOU AS WELL AS
ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSMITTING TO YOU COPIES OF CERTAIN
DOCUMENTS IN WHICH YOU HAVE INDICATED AN INTEREST.

YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER WILL BE GREATLY
APPRECIATED.

SINCERELY,
FRANK CHURCH
CHAIRMAN, SUBCOMMITTEE ON
MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS END TEXT.
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